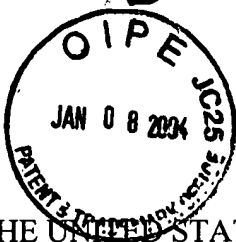


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In re Application of:)

MASANORI WAKAI ET AL.)

Appln. No.: 09/471,030)

Filed: December 23, 1999)

For: INFORMATION PROCESSING)
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AMENDMENT
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 3, 2003, Applicants petition to extend the time for response to Saturday, January 3, 2004. A check in the amount of \$950.00 in payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

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In response to that Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3. Changes to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning at page 4, and the Remarks begin at page 13.